

The U.S.A. Ambassador
to South Africa,
CAPE TOWN.

Mr. Ambassador,

We, the representatives of the Hellenic Communities of the Republic of South Africa, have been directed by approximately 75 000 South African Greeks to make known to your Government:

That we and our people are shocked that your Government has allowed troops armed by it to occupy Cyprus despite the fact that its predecessors had made themselves party to declarations and resolutions in the Security Council, the Assembly of the United Nations and elsewhere guaranteeing the independence, integrity and security of Cyprus.

That we are all appalled that these troops have been allowed to ravage this fair island by bombing it, shooting at and killing indiscriminately members of a defenceless population with the very arms supplied to it by your country. We believed that the friendship and cordial relations between your country and our people ever since your country came on to the international scene would not have allowed your Government to do this.

That we cannot believe that your great country can stand by whilst one after the other ceasefire agreements are violated, whilst unanimous resolutions of the Security Council calling for withdrawal are ignored, and whilst attempts are being made to divide the island so that a minority with the oppressive support of an occupying force may rule a majority even in the areas seized.

Your country has held itself out as the champion of the establishment of a peaceful world. Your Government's recent actions in supporting and encouraging Turkish aggression against a people who heeded the call for peace makes your supposed desire for a free and peaceful world but a pretence.

That we are saddened by the recent developments


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and the rift that has been created. We regret that a climate was established resulting in the killing of Ambassador Davies. We earnestly hope that time will heal the wounds.

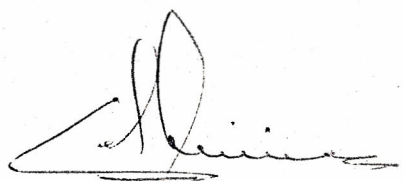
That with the people of Greece the vast majority of the people of Cyprus and the millions of people of Hellenic origin throughout the world, we will not rest until every Turkish soldier has left Cyprus.


That we believe that in common with freedom loving people throughout the world the people of the United States will not allow your Government to continue this policy of indifference (if not encouragement) to one of its supposed allies and that they too will help us all to put an end to the sufferings of the people of Cyprus.

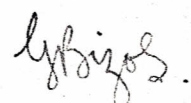
Please convey this to your Government on our behalf.



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